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1		The Honorable John C. Coughenour			
3	Presented to the Court by the foreman of the Grand Jury in open Court, in the presence of the Grand Jury and FILED in the U.S. DISTRICT COURT at Seattle, Washington.				
4	DECEMBER 14 2010				
5	WILLIAM M. McCOOL, Clerk Deputy				
6	Deputy				
7 8	WESTERN DISTR	ES DISTRICT COURT ICT OF WASHINGTON SEATTLE			
9	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,				
10	Plaintiff,	NO. CR10-269JCC			
11	V.	) ) SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT			
12	MARK E. PHILLIPS,	) SOI ERSEDING INDICTMENT			
13	Defendant.				
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15 16	<u>CO</u> (Wi	UNTS 1-4 re Fraud)			
17	A. <u>Introduction</u>				
18	1. MARK E. PHILLIPS is a W	Vashington resident, and one of the founders of			
19	MOD Systems Incorporated ("MOD").				
20	2. MOD is a technology start-up company that is focused on and engaged in				
21	the business of developing its Retail Digital Entertainment Platform, which enables				
22	retailers to deliver digital entertainment to consumers through self-service, touch-screen				
23	kiosks for download of portable electronic storage media.				
24	3. Wallace Black, LLC ("Wall	ace Black") is a consulting company owned and			
25	operated by J.W.				
26	4. J.W. and MARK E. PHILLIPS were romantically involved periodically				
20	from approximately May 2007 through approximately December 2008.				

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PHILLIPS's personal attorney.

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shares of MOD common stock. MOD subsequently secured additional financing on or about September 24, 2008, from Toshiba Corporation, NCR Corporation, and Deluxe Entertainment Services Group, Inc. through an offering of Series A preferred stock. Toshiba Corporation, NCR Corporation, and Deluxe Entertainment Services Group, Inc. collectively invested approximately \$35 million by purchasing approximately 11,508,812 shares of Series A preferred stock in MOD. In connection with this transaction, MARK E. PHILLIPS negotiated and received an additional 11,401,196 shares of MOD common stock, giving him a total of 18,901,196 shares of MOD common stock. As of the closing of the Series A offering, MARK E. PHILLIPS's 18,901,196 shares of MOD common stock represented a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote at a shareholder meeting. Until on or about March 27, 2009, MARK E. PHILLIPS was the CEO of MOD and a member of MOD's Board of Directors.

## B. Essence of the Scheme to Defraud

7. The essence of MARK E. PHILLIPS's scheme to defraud was to use his position as MOD's CEO to fraudulently cause MOD to expend corporate funds for his personal benefit, including for the purchase of two \$30,000.00 Breguet watches, a \$25,000.00 personal investment in a technology start-up company in Washington, a transfer of \$15,000.00 to MARK E. PHILLIPS's personal investment account, payment of corporate credit card purchases of personal items by MARK E. PHILLIPS, and the transfer of approximately \$1,500,000.00 to MARK E. PHILLIPS's personal investment account.

## C. The Scheme to Defraud

8. Beginning in or about January 2008, and continuing until in or about March 31, 2010, at Seattle, and at other places within the Western District of Washington and elsewhere, MARK E. PHILLIPS, together with others known and unknown, did devise and intend to devise a material scheme and artifice to defraud MOD and to obtain

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money from MOD by means of material false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, as further described below.

## D. Manner and Means

The manner and means used to accomplish the scheme to defraud included the following:

- 9. On or prior to January 15, 2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS ordered or caused to be ordered a \$30,000.00 Breguet Rose Gold Power Reserve Moonphase watch ("Rose Gold Breguet") from Feel Good Watches II Inc., a retailer of fine watches based in Scottsdale, Arizona ("Feel Good Watches"). The watch was delivered to MARK E. PHILLIPS's residence by Federal Express on January 16, 2008.
- 10. To pay for the purchase of his Rose Gold Breguet, on or prior to January 17, 2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS informed L.G. that he wanted to use L.G. and the Law Firm's trust account to route a payment to a personal consultant for services it had provided to him. MARK E. PHILLIPS subsequently identified the consultant to L.G. as Wallace Black, and provided L.G. with wiring information for Wallace Black's Bank of America bank account. In truth and fact, Wallace Black was owned and operated by J.W., who was romantically involved with MARK E. PHILLIPS. MARK E. PHILLIPS's sole purpose in providing wiring instructions to the Law Firm was to convert funds to his own personal use.
- 11. It was further part of the scheme to defraud that MARK E. PHILLIPS created, or caused to be created, false invoices supposedly from L.G. and the Law Firm, which MARK E. PHILLIPS provided to MOD. In order to conceal from MOD the fact that these funds were initially paid to J.W.'s company, Wallace Black, MARK E. PHILLIPS caused these invoices to falsely state that payment was due to "W. Black LLC" and/or "W-Black LLC," and thus caused MOD to transfer its corporate funds to the Law Firm's trust account under the false pretense that the funds were to be paid to "W. Black LLC" or "W-Black LLC."

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1	2.	It was further part of the scheme to defraud that on or about
January	18, 2	2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS informed K.G., a MOD employee, that MOD
needed t	o pa	y a consultant \$30,000.00 for advice the consultant had provided to MOD,
and subi	nitte	d a false invoice to MOD from the Law Firm for "Consultant/Contract
Services	- W	7-Black LLC" purportedly provided for MOD's benefit.

- 13. It was further part of the scheme to defraud that on January 22, 2008, (after MOD had transferred \$30,000.00 to L.G.'s trust account), upon MARK E. PHILLIPS's instructions, L.G. transferred \$30,000.00 by wire from the Law Firm's trust account in Washington to Wallace Black's Bank of America bank account in Arizona. Based on earlier directions from MARK E. PHILLIPS, J.W. then wired \$30,000.00 from Wallace Black's Bank of America bank account to Feel Good Watches on January 22, 2008, to pay for the Rose Gold Breguet watch MARK E. PHILLIPS had received on January 16, 2008.
- 14. It was further part of the scheme to defraud that in or about January 2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS also purchased a Breguet Pre-Owned Perpetual Calendar ("Perpetual Calendar Breguet") watch for \$30,000.00 from Feel Good Watches, which MARK E. PHILLIPS paid for using MOD corporate funds. MARK E. PHILLIPS arranged to pay Feel Good Watches for the watch in installments of \$20,000.00 in March 2008, and \$10,000.00 in April 2008.
- 15. It was further part of the scheme to defraud that on or about March 4, 2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS submitted a false invoice in the amount of \$60,000.00 to MOD from the Law Firm for "Consultant/Contract Services W-Black LLC."

  Contemporaneously, MARK E. PHILLIPS directed K.G., a MOD employee, to wire transfer \$60,000.00 from MOD's bank account to the Law Firm's trust account in payment of the invoice. On or about March 6, 2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS directed L.G. to wire transfer \$60,000.00 from the Law Firm's trust account in Washington to Wallace Black's Bank of America bank account in Arizona, which L.G. did on March 10, 2008. On March 11, 2008, based on MARK E. PHILLIPS's previous instructions, J.W. wired

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\$20,000.00 of the total \$60,000.00 to Feel Good Watches in partial payment for the Perpetual Calendar Breguet.

- 16. It was further part of the scheme to defraud that on or about May 12, 2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS submitted or caused to be submitted a third false invoice to MOD from the Law Firm purporting to seek payment of \$10,000.00 from MOD for "Consultant/Contract Services W. Black LLC." Contemporaneously, MARK E. PHILLIPS fraudulently directed K.G. to wire \$10,000.00 from MOD's account to the Law Firm's trust account in payment of the invoice. On May 16, 2008, at MARK E. PHILLIPS's direction, L.G. caused \$10,000.00 to be wired from the Law Firm's trust account in Washington to Wallace Black's Bank of America bank account in Arizona. On May 21, 2008, based on MARK E. PHILLIPS's previous instructions, J.W. wired \$10,000.00 to Feel Good Watches in partial payment for the Perpetual Calendar Breguet.
- 17. It was further part of the scheme to defraud that MARK E. PHILLIPS used the remaining \$40,000.00 of MOD corporate funds from the March wire transfer referred to in Paragraph 15 (which MARK E. PHILLIPS caused K.G. to wire to L.G., and then L.G. to wire to Wallace Black in March 2008) for MARK E. PHILLIPS's personal benefit in that on or about March 17, 2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS offered and agreed to make a personal investment of \$25,000.00 in Sampa Corporation, a Washington-based technology start-up company. Shortly thereafter, MARK E. PHILLIPS instructed J.W. by e-mail to wire \$25,000.00 for the purchase of shares of stock in Sampa Corporation. J.W. wired the funds on April 7, 2008, from Wallace Black's Bank of America bank account in Arizona to Sampa Corporation's lawyer's trust account in Washington. Sampa Corporation thereafter issued a stock certificate to MARK E. PHILLIPS. On or about April 6, 2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS instructed J.W. to wire the remaining \$15,000.00 from Wallace Black's Bank of America account in Arizona to his personal CitiSmithBarney investment account (xxxx-16900) in New York, which J.W. did on or about April 7, 2008.

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submitted to MOD, or caused to be submitted to MOD, credit card statements for payment by MOD of purchases made by MARK E. PHILLIPS for his personal benefit, such as Salvador Dali lithographs, clothing and merchandise at Hermes, furniture and fixtures at Tokyu Department Store, clothing and merchandise at Mario's, and DNA genetic testing from 23 and Me, Inc. MARK E. PHILLIPS caused MOD to pay for such personal purchases by falsely claiming or representing to MOD that such personal purchases were for MOD business purposes, when MARK E. PHILLIPS well-knew that such purchases were not made by MARK E. PHILLIPS for MOD business purposes.

- 19. It was further part of the scheme to defraud that MARK E. PHILLIPS negotiated to purchase the Mosler Apartment for \$2,300,000.00, by financing approximately \$1,265,000.00 of the purchase and funding the balance/down payment, approximately \$992,972.75, in cash. To make the cash payment due on the Mosler Apartment purchase, on or about April 28, 2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS directed K.G., a MOD employee, to transfer \$1,500,000.00 from MOD's bank account to a CitiSmithBarney investment account (xxxx-16900) controlled by MARK E. PHILLIPS under the false pretenses that it was a payment against an existing licensing agreement and that such payment had been approved by the Chairman of MOD's Board of Directors, A.B. In fact and reality, as MARK E. PHILLIPS well-knew, A.B. did not consent to such transfer and the purported licensing agreement, against which MARK E. PHILLIPS told K.G. he was entitled to \$1,500,000.00 of MOD's money, had not been completed and executed at the time of the transfer.
- 20. MARK E. PHILLIPS benefitted from the scheme to defraud in that on or about April 7, 2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS paid the \$15,000.00 described above in Paragraph 17 from his CitiSmithBarney investment account (xxxx-16900), plus additional funds, to Professional Escrow as earnest money towards the purchase of a residence located at 3rd Avenue, Penthouse 1, Seattle, Washington (the "Mosler Apartment"). MARK E. PHILLIPS further benefitted from the scheme to defraud in that on or about

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- May 23, 2008, MARK E. PHILLIPS transferred \$992,972.75, substantially all of which was derived from MOD corporate funds, from MARK E. PHILLIPS's CitiSmithBarney investment account (xxxx-16900) to Sound Bank Company in payment of the down payment and balance for the purchase of the Mosler Apartment.
- 21. MARK E. PHILLIPS never had permission or authority from MOD to use MOD's corporate funds to pay Wallace Black or J.W., or to use such funds for his personal benefit to buy watches, deposit in his personal account, or make a personal investment in Sampa Corporation. Moreover, MARK E. PHILLIPS did not have permission or authority from MOD to use MOD's corporate funds to make the earnest money payment or down payment on Mosler Apartment, or for payment of credit card charges for personal purchases.

## E. Execution of the Scheme to Defraud

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22. On or about the dates set forth below, at Seattle and at other places within the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, MARK E. PHILLIPS, having devised the above-described scheme to defraud, for the purpose of executing and in order to effect the scheme to defraud, did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted by wire communication in interstate commerce writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, each of which constitutes a separate Count of this Superseding Indictment.

19	Count	<b>Date</b>	<b>Sender</b>	Recipient	Wire Transmission
20	1	1/22/08	The Law Firm,	Wallace Black,	\$30,000.00 wire transfer of
21			Seattle, Washington	LLC, Arizona	MOD funds in supposed payment for services
22					rendered by Wallace Black, LLC from Seattle,
23					Washington to Phoenix, Arizona
24	2	3/10/08	The Law Firm,	Wallace Black,	\$60,000.00 wire transfer of
25			Seattle, Washington	LLC, Arizona	MOD funds in supposed payment for services
26					rendered by Wallace Black, LLC from Seattle,
27					Washington to Phoenix, Arizona
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2 3 4	3	5/16/08	The Law Firm, Seattle, Washington	Wallace Black, LLC, Arizona	\$10,000.00 wire transfer of MOD funds in supposed payment for services rendered by Wallace-Black, LLC from Seattle, Washington to Phoenix, Arizona
5	4	4/28/08	Washington	CitiSmithBarney,	\$1,500,000.00 wire transfer
6			Mutual Bank, Seattle	New York	of MOD funds in payment against supposed licensing
7			Washington		agreement between MARK E. PHILLIPS and MOD
8					from Seattle, Washington to New York
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All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343 and Section 2.

## COUNT 5 (Mail Fraud)

- 23. Beginning in or about January 2008, and continuing until on or about March 31, 2010, at Seattle, and at other places within the Western District of Washington and elsewhere, MARK E. PHILLIPS, together with others known and unknown, did devise and intend to devise a material scheme to defraud MOD and to obtain money from MOD by means of material false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, and the concealment of material facts.
- 24. The Grand Jury re-alleges and reincorporates, as if fully set forth herein, Paragraphs 1 through 21 of this Superseding Indictment as setting forth the scheme to defraud and obtain money and property from MOD.
- 25. On or about January 15, 2008, at Seattle and other places within the Western District of Washington, MARK E. PHILLIPS, having devised the scheme to defraud described above in Paragraphs 1 through 21, for the purpose of executing and in order to effect the scheme to defraud, did knowingly cause to be delivered by Federal Express, according to the directions thereon, the following matter, the delivery of which constitutes a separate Count of this Indictment.

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1	Count	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sender</u>	Addressee	Item Mailed
2	5	1/15/08	Feel Good	MARK E.	Breguet Rose Gold Power
3			Watches II, LLC	PHILLIPS	Reserve Moonphase purchased for \$30,000.00
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7				COUNTS 6-7 (Money Laundering)	
8	26.	The G	rand Jurv re-a	. •	, as if fully set forth herein,
10			* -	uperseding Indictment.	, ,
11	27.	On or	about the date	es set forth below, at Se	attle, and at other places within
12	the Wester	rn District	of Washingto	on and elsewhere, MAR	K E. PHILLIPS did knowingly
13	engage in	monetary	transactions b	oy, through, or to a finar	ncial institution, affecting
14	interstate	and foreign	n commerce,	in criminally-derived pr	roperty of a value greater than
15	\$10,000, that is, the following deposits, withdrawals, transfers, and exchanges of United				
16	States currency, funds, and monetary instruments in the following amounts, such property				
17	_		-	•	hat is, mail fraud and wire fraud
18	in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1341 and 1343, each of which				
19	transactions constitutes a separate count of this Superseding Indictment.				
20	Coun	<u>t</u>	<b>Date</b>	Transaction	<b>Purpose</b>
21	6	,	4/7/08	\$15,000.00 transfer fro CitiSmithBarney	subsequently used by
22				investment account (xxxx-16900) belonging	
23				to MARK E. PHILLIP to Professional Escrow by check dated April 7	purchase by MARK E.
24 25				2008	Apartment, for total purchase price of
26					\$2,300,000.00.
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1 2 3 4 5 6		\$992,972.75 transfer from CitiSmithBarney investment account (xxxx-16900) belonging to MARK E. PHILLIPS to Sound Banking Company by wire transfer dated May 23, 2008	Transfer of funds subsequently used by MARK E. PHILLIPS as balance/down payment on purchase by MARK E. PHILLIPS of Mosler Apartment, for total purchase price of \$2,300,000.00.			
7	All in violation of T	itle 18, United States Code,	Section 1957.			
8	(A	<u>COUNT 8</u> ttempted Bank Fraud)				
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10	28. The Grand Jury re-a	lleges and reincorporates, a	s if fully set forth herein,			
11	Paragraphs 1 through 21 of this In	dictment	,			
12	29. On or about Decemb	29. On or about December 15, 2008, MOD shareholder R.A. made a written				
13	demand on MOD and its Board of Directors in the form of a draft, unfiled Complaint for					
14	damages. The draft Complaint alleged, among other things, that MARK E. PHILLIPS					
15	and others had misappropriated MOD funds to their own personal benefit and breached					
16	their fiduciary duties to the company. Among other things, R.A.'s draft Complaint					
17	alleged that MARK E. PHILLIPS misappropriated MOD corporate funds by fraudulently					
18	causing MOD to expend its corporate funds to purchase two expensive Breguet watches					
19	in 2008.					
20	30. In response to the all	legations, MOD created a I	Demand Review Committee			
21	("DRC") comprised of A.B. (MOD's current CEO and Chairman of the Board) and K.C.					
22	(a MOD Board member at that time) to investigate R.A.'s allegations, and in particular					
23	his allegations that MARK E. PHILLIPS had misappropriated MOD's corporate funds.					
24	The DRC retained counsel and MC	OD's former CFO to assist	it in its investigation.			
25	31. Following a several month-long investigation, the DRC made preliminary					
26	,	findings that MARK E. PHILLIPS had misappropriated MOD corporate funds for his				
27	personal benefit. Based on these f	indings, MOD's Board of I	Directors asked MARK E.			

28 PHILLIPS to resign as MOD's CEO and from MOD's Board of Directors. MOD also

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insisted that MARK E. PHILLIPS relinquish his authority over MOD's day-to-day financial operations and over his voting majority shareholder control of MOD. MARK E. PHILLIPS agreed to these demands.

- 32. To effectuate his resignation and MOD's request that MARK E. PHILLIPS relinquish shareholder control and oversight over MOD's day-to-day financial operations, MARK E. PHILLIPS entered into a Transition Agreement with MOD on March 27, 2009. Pursuant to the Transition Agreement, MARK E. PHILLIPS agreed to resign as MOD's CEO, resign from MOD's Board of Directors, place all of his 18,901,196 shares of MOD common stock into a Voting Trust, relinquish all authority to expend or approve expenditures of MOD funds, and refrain from playing any role in MOD corporate governance matters.
- Trust Agreement, entered into between MARK E. PHILLIPS and MOD, also on March 27, 2009. Under the terms of the Voting Trust Agreement, MARK E. PHILLIPS, among other things, agreed to place all of his 18,901,196 shares of MOD common stock into the Voting Trust, and transfer voting rights to all of the 18,901,196 shares to the Voting Trust Trustee, K.C. The Voting Trust Agreement further provides that all of the shares in the Voting Trust shall be voted in any corporate or shareholder action in precisely the same proportion as the totality of all outstanding MOD shares voted in that particular instance or action that are not included in the Voting Trust. Accordingly, MARK E. PHILLIPS effectively ceased being the majority, controlling shareholder in MOD entitled to vote at meetings of MOD shareholders.
- 34. To effectuate the terms of the Voting Trust Agreement and the Transition Agreement, on or about March 27, 2009, MARK E. PHILLIPS also signed a document, entitled "Stock Power," by which MARK E. PHILLIPS "assign[ed] and transfer[red] 18,901,196 shares of common stock of MOD Systems Incorporated (the "Company") represented by Certificate(s) No. CS-013 standing in the name of [MARK E. PHILLIPS] on the books of [MOD] to Kyleen Cane, as Trustee of the Voting Trust Agreement, dated

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March 27, 2009[.]" The Voting Trust Agreement, which MARK E. PHILLIPS signed, also provides that the stock certificates representing MARK E. PHILLIPS's 18,901,196 shares of MOD common stock will be surrendered, and MOD will reissue a new share certificate registering the MARK E. PHILLIPS's 18,901,196 shares of MOD common stock in the name of "Kyleen Cane, as Trustee of the Voting Trust Agreement dated March 27, 2009."

- 35. Accordingly, on or about April 2, 2009, MOD cancelled Stock Certificate CS-013, certifying MARK E. PHILLIPS as the owner of 18,901,196 shares of MOD common stock, and reissued Stock Certificate CS-014, certifying "[K.C.], as Trustee of the Voting Trust Agreement dated 3/27/09" as the owner of 18,901,196 shares of MOD common stock. In cancelling Stock Certificate CS-013, MOD placed a cancellation stamp across the face of Stock Certificate CS-013, and recorded the cancelled Stock Certificate on its corporate books and records.
- 36. On September 24, 2009, MARK E. PHILLIPS filed a motion in King County Superior Court seeking, among other things, to terminate the Voting Trust, and regain voting power over his 18,901,196 shares of MOD common stock.
- 37. On November 6, 2009, following lengthy briefing from attorneys for both MARK E. PHILLIPS and MOD, the Honorable John P. Erlick, King County Superior Court, held a hearing on MARK E. PHILLIPS's motion to terminate the voting trust, and considered arguments from counsel. Both MARK E. PHILLIPS and D.M., MARK E. PHILLIPS's consultant, were present during the hearing.
- 38. At the conclusion of the hearing, Judge Erlick denied MARK E. PHILLIPS's motion to terminate the Voting Trust. Following the hearing, on November 12, 2009, Judge Erlick entered a written order denying MARK E. PHILLIPS's motion to terminate the Voting Trust. Accordingly, all of MARK E. PHILLIPS's 18,901,196 shares of MOD common stock remained in the Voting Trust, subject to the voting restrictions of the Voting Trust Agreement.

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### B. Essence of the Scheme to Defraud

39. The essence of MARK E. PHILLIPS's scheme to defraud was to attempt to fraudulently obtain control of MOD's corporate funds from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo"), wherein MOD maintained approximately \$10.9 million of its assets by falsely claiming that he was MOD's majority controlling shareholder, permitted to vote a majority of the outstanding shares in MOD at a shareholder meeting, and thus empowered to take unilateral shareholder action on behalf of MOD to take control of MOD, MOD's bank accounts, and all of MOD's assets. In fact, as MARK E. PHILLIPS well knew, he had no authority to vote his shares in MOD, and was prohibited, according to the terms of his resignation as MOD's CEO, from engaging in any MOD corporate governance matters or expending (or approving the expenditure of) MOD's corporate funds.

## C. The Scheme to Defraud

40. Beginning in or about January 2008, and continuing until on or about March 31, 2010, at Seattle and other places within the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, MARK E. PHILLIPS devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and obtain money and property from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., a financial institution, as defined under Title 18, United States Code, Section 20, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, and the concealment of material facts as set forth below.

### D. Manner and Means

The manner and means used to accomplish the scheme to defraud included the following:

41. It was part of MARK E. PHILLIPS scheme to defraud that, beginning on or about March 27, 2009, following his resignation from MOD's Board of Directors and from his position as MOD's CEO, MARK E. PHILLIPS fraudulently sought to regain control of MOD and its corporate assets through the use of false and materially misleading corporate documents relating to MARK E. PHILLIPS's ownership and control over MOD stock, particularly his right to vote a majority of MOD shares.

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1	42. It was further part of the scheme to defraud that MARK E. PHILLIPS		
2	created or caused to be created, the following false and fraudulent documents, among		
3	others:		
4	(a) A December 15, 2009 Majority Consent of Shareholders for MOD,		
5	signed by MARK E. PHILLIPS ("Majority Consent"), falsely stating that:		
6 7	The undersigned [MARK E. PHILLIPS], being the holder of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote at meetings of the shareholders of MOD Systems Incorporated, a Washington corporation (the 'Company'), by		
8	this instrument in lieu of a meeting of the Company, consents to the adoption of the following resolutions[.]		
9	(b) A December 15, 2009 Consent in Lieu of Special Meeting of the		
10	Board of Directors for MOD, signed by MARK E. PHILLIPS ("Bank Consent"). The		
11	Bank Consent purported to give MARK E. PHILLIPS control over MOD's bank accounts		
12	and activity, authorizing MARK E. PHILLIPS to:		
13	execute such agreements and other documents, in the standard form provided by the Bank, as are necessary to open such		
14 15	accounts, including any standard form of banking resolutions, and that such officer is hereby authorized to sign checks or otherwise make withdrawals and to designate additional		
16 17	signatories on the checking account(s), and to change the designated signatories, as he deems appropriate from time to time, and to sign new banking resolutions as necessary to show the changed signatories[.]		
18	Show the shanged signaturies[1]		
19	(c) An un-cancelled April 2, 2009 Stock Certificate, Number CS-013,		
20	showing MARK E. PHILLIPS to be the owner of 18,901,196 shares of MOD common		
21	stock ("Un-cancelled Stock Certificate CS-013"). The un-cancelled Stock Certificate		
22	CS-013 is fraudulent because it did not bear the cancellation stamp that MOD had placed		
23	on the true Stock Certificate CS-013.		
24	43. As MARK E. PHILLIPS well knew, the true Stock Certificate CS-013 had		
25	been cancelled and all 18,901,196 shares in MOD common stock had been reissued in the		
26	form of another stock certificate to K.C. as trustee of the Voting Trust. Therefore, all of		
27	MARK E. PHILLIPS's 18,901,196 shares of MOD common stock were vested in the		
28	Voting Trust, and MARK E. PHILLIPS had no right to vote such shares. MARK E.		

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PHILLIPS knew that he could not vote such shares because he was present when Judge Erlick affirmed the validity of the Voting Trust on November 6, 2009.

## E. Execution of the Scheme to Defraud

- 44. At approximately 9:00 a.m., on December 15, 2009, MARK E. PHILLIPS entered the Wells Fargo building in downtown Seattle, and spoke with several Wells Fargo Bank employees. MARK E. PHILLIPS was accompanied by D.M., MARK E. PHILLIPS's lawyer R.A2., and D.L., a former MOD employee and a high school classmate of MARK E. PHILLIPS.
- 45. MARK E. PHILLIPS informed Wells Fargo employees that he was re-taking control of MOD, and insisted on an immediate change to signatory authority to MOD's Wells Fargo bank accounts. Specifically, MARK E. PHILLIPS demanded that Wells Fargo remove all of the current signatories to MOD's accounts and substitute himself as the signor.
- 46. MARK E. PHILLIPS presented Wells Fargo employees with, among other things, the Majority Consent, Bank Consent, and Un-canceled Stock Certificate CS-013, and claimed that these documents gave him the authority to assert control of MOD.
- 47. In response to MARK E. PHILLIPS's demand to substitute himself for the current signatories to MOD's accounts, Wells Fargo froze all of MOD's accounts. Ultimately, Wells Fargo denied MARK E. PHILLIPS demand, and unfroze the accounts.
- 48. On or about December 15, 2009, at Seattle, within the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, MARK E. PHILLIPS did willfully and knowingly execute and attempt to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., a financial institution as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 20, and to obtain money, funds, assets, or other property, owned by or in the custody or control of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1344 and 1349.

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1			<b>FORFEITURE</b>
2	49. With respect to the Mail Fraud and Wire Fraud alleged in Counts 1-4 of this		
3	Indictment, the defendant named herein, upon conviction shall forfeit to the United States		
4	of America, purs	suant to	Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28,
5	United States Co	ode, Sec	tion 2461(c), all property, real and personal, that constitutes or is
6	derived, directly	or indi	ectly, from gross proceeds traceable to the commission of the
7	Scheme to Com	mit Mai	Fraud and Wire Fraud, including but not limited to:
8	a.	<u>Mo</u>	ney Judgment
9		1.	A sum of money equal to approximately \$100,000.00 in
10			United States currency, representing the amount of proceeds obtained as a result of the Mail Fraud and Wire Fraud offenses.
11			offenses.
12	b.	Wa	<u>tches</u>
13		1.	Breguet Rose Gold Power Reserve Moonphase Watch, Serial No. 3376
14		2.	Breguet Pre-Owned Perpetual Calendar Watch, Serial No.
15			1642.
16	50. If any of the property described above subject to forfeiture as a result of any		
17	act or omission of the defendant:		
18	a.	Car	anot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
19	b.	Has	s been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
20	c.	Has	s been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
21	d.	Has	s been substantially diminished in value; or
22	e.	Has	s been commingled with other property which cannot be
23		sub	divided without difficulty;
24	it is the intent of	the Uni	ted States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section
25	853(p), as incorp	orated l	by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek
26	forfeiture of any	other p	roperty of said Defendant up to the value of the forfeitable
27	property.		
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1	All in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and		
2	Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).		
3		A TRUE BILL	
4		DATED: 12/14/2010	
5		Signature of Foreperson redacted pursuant to the policy of the Judicial Conference of the United States.	
6		the United States.	
7		FOREPERSON	
8	Robert Source		
10	JENNY A. DURKAN Whited States Attorney		
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